

Abstract

The proposed method makes possible an "on site" production of postage stamps with objects such as text and/or image, photos or slogans selected by the customer himself. For this purpose, a post office, for example, provides the customer with a device (20) suitable for performing the method according to the invention and also with the basic elements of a franking marking or postage stamp such as the stamp value and necessary safety patterns. The customer inserts subsequently in an interactive way his object into the freely designable area of the postage stamp with the aid of a touch screen (1). If needed, during the postage stamp production the customer can take a photo of himself or another person, of animals or objects by means of a digital camera (2) mounted in the device and can introduce this into the franking marking image. Via a printer (4) the thus generated postage stamp is printed and subsequently dispensed.

(Fig. 1)